



MAIL STOP
AMENDMENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: J.D. Martin Attorney Docket No.: KCOS122356
Application No.: 10/713,997 Group Art Unit: 3728
Filed: November 14, 2004 Examiner: M.D. Patterson
Title: FOOTWEAR CLOSURE SYSTEM WITH ZONAL LOCKING

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Seattle, Washington 98101

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

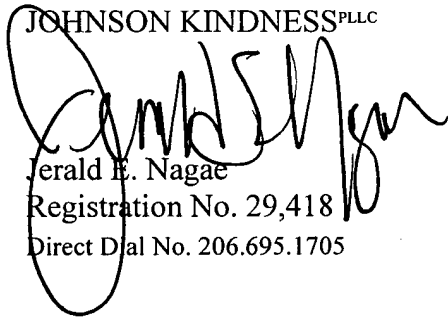
The Office Action of April 22, 2005, has required an election of species between Species I shown in Figures 1A-3B and Species II shown in Figures 4 and 5. Applicant elects Species I (Figures 1A-3B). Claims readable on the elected species include 1, 2, 3, 10-14, 19-25, 30-37, and 46-49.

However, applicant submits that claims generic to both species include Claims 1, 2, 10, 13, 19, 24, 30-33, and 46-49. The Office Action has indicated that upon allowance of a generic claim, applicant will be entitled to consideration of the claims of the non-elected species.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the foregoing, she is requested to contact the undersigned at 206.695.1705.

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